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February 16, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AUTHORIZE AWARD
ROADWAY WIDENING AND RECONSTRUCTION
SIERRA HIGHWAY
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF ACTON
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve a project to widen and reconstruct roadway pavement on Sierra Highway in the unincorporated community of Acton; adopt the plans and specifications; call for bids; authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award, execute, and implement a consultant services agreement for preparation of a baseline construction schedule, storm water pollution prevention plan, site-specific health and safety plan, and soil management plan and report; and award and execute a construction contract with a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for Sierra Highway, roadway widening and reconstruction, in the unincorporated community of Acton, at an estimated cost between \$3,100,000 and \$4,400,000.
2. Call for bids to be received on March 16, 2010.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project and seal and return the plans and specifications to the Department of Public Works for filing.

4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a consultant services agreement with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid to prepare a baseline construction schedule, a storm water pollution prevention plan, site-specific health and safety plan, and soil management plan and report for a \$25,000 not to exceed fee funded by existing project funds.
5. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range, approve the Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds and insurance submitted by the contractor, and deliver the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors' (Board) approval to adopt plans and specifications; advertise for bids; and delegate to the Director of Public Works (Director) or her designee authority to award and execute a consultant services agreement to prepare a baseline construction schedule, a storm water pollution prevention plan, site specific health and safety plan, and soil management plan and report for a \$25,000 not-to-exceed fee; and award and execute a construction contract with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid for the widening and reconstruction of roadway pavement and the performance of other appurtenant work.

The proposed consultant services agreement with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid to prepare a baseline construction schedule, storm water pollution prevention plan, site-specific health and safety plan, and soil management plan and report that conforms to the County of Los Angeles' (County) specifications is critical to successfully manage construction activities by both the contractor and the County, and a responsible contractor must be able to produce these deliverables. Bid specifications provide that if the contractor fails to complete acceptable deliverables, the Department of Public Works (Public Works) may return to your Board to recommend that the contractor be determined nonresponsive and recommend awarding the construction contract to the next lowest bidder contingent on the bidder completing deliverables that conform to the County's specifications.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help meet these goals by providing improved highway facilities for the traveling public, which will benefit the community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction cost to complete this project is in the range of \$3,100,000 to \$4,400,000. This project is included in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project, to contract for the widening and reconstruction of roadway pavement, is part of the Public Works' ongoing highway construction and maintenance program. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 175 working days. It is estimated the work will start in May 2010 and be completed in February 2011.

Delegating to the Director or her designee the authority to award and execute this construction contract allows an expedited contracting process to obtain a contractor for the widening and reconstruction of roadway pavement on Sierra Highway.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On July 15, 2008, Agenda Item 34, your Board approved the environmental document and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for this project. The Environmental Impact Report found that the project with the recommended mitigation measures will not have a significant effect on the environment in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open competitive bid basis. The award by the Director or her designee will be made after review of the bids and determination of the lowest responsive bid and responsible contractor meeting the criteria established by your Board and the State Public Contract Code, and successful completion of the deliverables provided through the consultant services agreement.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing improved highway facilities for the traveling public thereby benefiting the community.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance